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In re Divisional Application of Gerald W. Iseler et al Filed herewith and based on Application Serial No. 10/131,458

Filed: 23 April 2002

For: GROWTH OF UNIFORM CRYSTALS

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 of the Specification, under "RELATED APPLICATIONS" insert the following as a second sentence:

--This Application is a Divisional of co-pending application, Serial No. 10/131,458, filed on 25 April 2002, having the same title.--

## IN THE CLAIMS

The claims herein are amended or otherwise treated as listed below.

1-10 (canceled)

11 (previously presented): An apparatus for bottom seeding crystal growth comprising,